

Freshman Seminar

Goals

The goal of the freshman seminar is to provide an opportunity for our newest members of the Rockhurst community to become acquainted with the tools that will allow each student to be the best version of himself: a man of competence, compassion, and conscience. At the completion of the freshmen seminars, the student will be better equipped with knowledge and resources that will allow him to be closer to the Grad at Grad. A Rockhurst graduate is committed to justice, religious, open to growth, intellectually competent, and loving. The freshman seminars are designed to provide a foundation upon which our students will stand as they navigate their high school years.

Content

Such topics as the parent/student handbook, acceptable use of technology, academic integrity, drug and alcohol education, appropriate relationships, sportsmanship, school traditions, Ignatian identity, the importance of service, etc... will be central pieces of the freshman seminar curriculum. Often times, these topics will be presented by guest speakers—both guest speakers from within the building and outside the building.

The Dean of Students is the director of the freshman seminar and, in consultation with the administration, counseling department, faculty, staff, and students, creates the curriculum for each school year. The freshman seminar is a year-long class that meets once a cycle for each freshman. The class is comprised of 30-40 students and typically meets in the Rose Theater.